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REFUGEES LEAVING EAST GERMANY

UNENDING REFUGEE STREAM DEPOPULATING EAST GERMANY -- Stockholm, Dagens Nyheter, 31 Dec 50

Statistics for 1950 on the number of refugees leaving East Germany show that that country's population is slowly but surely being depleted. During the past year, 60,100 persons fled to West Berlin alone; these include 1,100 People's Police, several ministers, and other persons occupying prominent posts in the Soviet Zone. Of the 60,100 refugees to West Berlin, 23,600 have been recognized as political refugees and have been granted permission to settle down in the city. With few exceptions, the remainder are in the city illegally. The number of refugees to West Germany has still not been calculated, but it may be assumed to be at least as large as the number of West Berlin refugees. This would indicate that the East German population was depleted by at least 120,000.

Among the prominent refugees may be mentioned, among others, Prof Hans Sedlazeck, the National Prize winner; Leonhard Moog, the Thüringen Minister of Finance; Josef Rambo, the First Deputy Chairman of the People's Chamber, and eight other Land ministers.

Soviet-East German justice also contributes to the decimation of the East German population. In 1950, 11 Germans were sentenced to death for "espionage for the Americans," and 17 Germans were sentenced to a total of 355 years' imprisonment for the same reason. Sentences totaling about 90,000 years have been meted out by the East German courts in political trials alone.

115,429 EAST GERMAN REFUGEES ENTER BRITISH ZONE ILLEGALLY -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 5 Jan 51

A total of 115,429 refugees from the Soviet Zone of Germany went illegally into the British Zone in 1950. Of these, 88,697 had to be deported.

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THEFT OF COPPER DRAWS HARSH SENTENCE -- Berlin, Tribuene, 5 - 7 Dec 50

Frieda Krenz, a worker in the Radio and Telecommunications Equipment Plant (RFT) in Berlin, Elsenstrasse, was sentenced to 5½ years in prison for stealing 5 kilograms of copper. An accomplice of hers, who was to bring the stolen copper to West Berlin and who was caught taking 11 kilograms of sheet zinc from a pile of rubble, was sentenced to 3 years in prison.

REPORT ON EAST GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMP -- Stockholm, Dagens Nyheter, 15 Jan 51

Four fugitives from the East German concentration camp in Bautzen in Sachsen state that the camp is guarded by 1,100 People's Police and Soviet soldiers. The camp, one of 13 for political prisoners and "economic criminals" in East Germany, has 9,000 prisoners; it also houses 1,600 Germans [sic].

USSR WANTS EAST GERMAN PRISON LABOR -- Stockholm, Morgon-Tidningen, 5 Jan 51

The USSR has requested 29,000 workers from East Germany for the much advertised Don-Volga Canal project, it was reported by the West Berlin newspaper Der Abend on 4 January. The newspaper states that the labor force will be taken from concentration camps and prisons in the Soviet zone, and that the prisoners will be promised a reduction of their sentences to one half.

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